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**June 16, 2017**

**Annual Meeting of the  
Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board  
Monday, June 19 7:00pm  
BlackRock Center for the Arts  
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown**

**Topic: 2017 Annual Upcounty Report**

The Board's first hour will be a brief summary of discussions and recommendations from this fiscal year and what may be issues impacting the Upcounty region and the county as a whole in the coming year. Immediately following the meeting, there will be an informal reception to express the board's appreciation of county agencies' and community leaders' efforts.

*All board and committee meetings are open to the public!*

*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to [catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov).*

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**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration  
Friday, June 16  
BlackRock Center for the Arts  
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown**

***Doors open at 6:00pm; Program starts at 6:45pm***

Bring your family to an evening jam-packed with entertainment, inspiration, education and good food! Join us as we celebrate the commemoration of the events of June 19, 1865 – the day Union Major General Gordon Granger officially declared that the institution of slavery was dead. His announcement came after the official issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln.

This year's celebration will include the presentation of the Third Annual African American Living Legend Award to historian and community activist Christine Clarke, education administrator and mentor Wilma K. Holmes, fair housing and education advocate Ruby S. Rubens, and human service and political pioneer Odessa M. Shannon. In addition to the awards ceremony, there will be a special production of "Harriett Tubman: Defender," a one-woman show performed by Eunice Lewis Seagraves and written and directed by Dr. Percy W. Thomas of Heralds of Hope Theater. The program will also feature Ronnie Diamond Hoard, former lead singer and guitarist for the classic soul/funk band Ohio Players. Medal-winning instrumentalists and singers from the Montgomery County Branch NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) will perform as well. The program will conclude with the film "Hidden Figures," the inspiring true story of three African American women mathematicians whose contributions were a vital part of the success of the early years of the United States space program. [See flyer for details.](#)

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## Olde Towne Gaithersburg Pedestrian Bridge to Reopen June 16

After closing in January for maintenance, the skywalk that allows pedestrians to cross the railroad tracks from the upper levels of the [Olde Towne Parking Garage](#) is set to reopen on June 16. Work was done to repair the stairwell, elevator shaft and pedestrian bridge. The garage opened in 1994, providing free and convenient parking to shoppers, commuters and residents of adjacent apartment complexes.



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## Citizen Advisory Boards to Host Capital Improvements Program Budget Forums in June/July

Individuals and groups are invited to provide input into the County's next six-year capital construction budget by attending public forums that will be held in June/July by local citizen advisory boards. The forums will help define construction and planning priorities for the various regions in the County as officials develop the Fiscal Years 2019 to 2024 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget.

The following links provide more information.

Master List of CIP projects:

- <https://reports.data.montgomerycountymd.gov/cip>

Open Budget (Montgomery County's highly interactive open data budget websites covering departments, agencies, projects and much more)

- <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb/openbudget.html>.

Office of Management and Budget Publications:

- <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb/publications.html>;

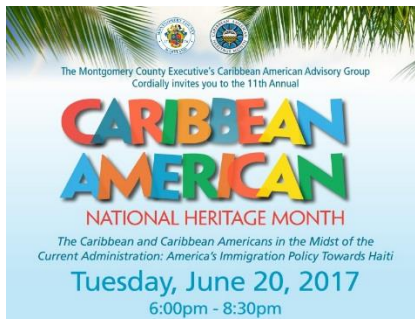
The CIP includes costs for new or renovated major projects such as roads; public schools and Montgomery College facilities; water and sewer lines; parks, libraries, health and recreation facilities; and other public buildings and projects.

The schedule for forums in each regional area is listed below:

- **Bethesda-Chevy Chase** - Monday, June 19, 7:00 pm – Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, 240-777-8200;
- **Eastern County** – Wednesday, June 21, 7:00 pm – Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, 240-777-8414;
- **Silver Spring** - Monday, June 26, 7:00 pm – Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring, 240-777-5307;
- **Upcounty** – Wednesday, June 28, 7:00 pm – BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, 240-777-8040;
- **Mid-County** – Monday, July 10, 7:00 pm – Mid-County Community Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring, 240-777-8101 or 240-777-6820.

Suggestions and comments from participants will be considered by the regional citizen advisory boards for inclusion in the funding priority lists they submit to the County Executive. The lists will also be shared with County departments and agencies for their consideration as they formulate the CIP for their departments.

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**Caribbean Heritage Month Celebration**  
**Tuesday, June 20 6:00pm-8:00pm**  
**Silver Spring Civic Building**  
**One Veterans Place, Silver Spring**

The Montgomery County Executive's Caribbean American Advisory Group cordially invites you to the 11th Annual NATIONAL Heritage Month Celebration. The purpose of the Advisory Group is to ensure that the County Executive is well informed of and able to act effectively to respond to the needs and concerns of Caribbean Americans living and/or working in Montgomery County. For more information, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/caribbean](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/caribbean) or contact Daniel Koroma at 240-777-2584 or [daniel.koroma@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:daniel.koroma@montgomerycountymd.gov)

*Light Caribbean Refreshments • Music • Storytelling*

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**2017 Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update**  
**Thursday, June 22**  
**M-NCPPC Regional Office Building Auditorium**  
**8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring**

Please check the [Planning Board agenda](#) for updates and tentative time.

The public is invited to attend a public work session as the Planning Board begins the final review of the 2017 PROS Plan. The final document is due to the State of Maryland on July 1, 2017.

[Public Notice Flier](#) (PDF, 225KB)

For more information, contact the project coordinator [Brooke.Farquhar@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:Brooke.Farquhar@montgomeryparks.org).

**Background:**

*Planning Tomorrow's Parks Today! - Montgomery Parks, in coordination with the Montgomery County Department of Recreation is in the process of preparing the 2017 PROS Plan. The PROS Plan will substitute for the state-mandated Land, Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) which is required every five to six years to maintain Program Open Space grant funding eligibility. This plan must be completed in conformance with Maryland State Guidelines. The PROS Plan was last updated in July, 2012. The schedule mandated by the State requires final plan to be completed by July 1, 2017.*

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## **Montgomery County Council Seeks Applicants for Re-established Airpark Liaison Committee**

***Application deadline is 5:00pm on Wednesday, July 19***

The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill positions on the Montgomery County Airpark Liaison Committee. The Council authorized the re-establishment of the committee on June 13.

The committee was established to provide a forum for increased communication among interested groups and individuals concerned with the operations of the Montgomery County Airpark.

Applicants are being sought for the following seats on the committee:

- Seven residential neighborhood representatives: two from Montgomery Village East and five from other neighborhoods surrounding the Airpark.
- Two business representatives: one from inside the Airpark and one from outside the Airpark.
- One Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board representative.
- Two Airpark users.

In addition, the Council will appoint two Montgomery County Revenue Authority representatives, including the designated Airpark manager, and one representative from each of the following: the Montgomery County Executive, the County Council, the County Planning Department and an Airpark lease holder.

Letters of application expressing interest, including a resume listing professional and civic experience, should be addressed to: Council President Roger Berliner, County Council Office, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Applications also can be submitted via email to [county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Applications must be received no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday, July 19. It is the Council's policy not to consider applications received after the deadline. The Council will review the letters of application and resumes, and anticipates making the appointments in July.

Letters of application and resumes are made public as part of the appointment process, and are available for public review.

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## **Montgomery Council Seeks Applicants for County Board of Appeals**

***Application deadline is 5:00pm on Wednesday, July 19***

The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants for a four-year term on the County Board of Appeals. The term of Carolyn Shawaker (Democrat) will expire in September 2017. By law, no more than three members of the board shall be from the same political party. This position can be filled by a Democrat, a Republican, a voter who is unaffiliated with a party or a voter who is a member of another party officially recognized by the Board of Elections.

Duties of the Board of Appeals include hearing and deciding requests for variances from development standards contained in the Zoning Ordinance; hearing appeals from certain administrative decisions rendered by County government agencies; and hearing oral argument on and deciding appeals from decisions of the Hearing Examiner on conditional uses. The board also considers and decides requests for modifications of special exceptions.

For more details, see press release at

[http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=21192](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21192)

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## Montgomery County's Council Office Building to have Increased Security

***Starting in July, to enhance safety of all who visit and work at the Rockville building, visitors will use two entrances with security screening. The Council Office Building is located at 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville.***

To enhance the safety of all who visit and work at the Council Office Building in Rockville, starting on or about July 5, visitors will use two entrances with security screening measures.

All visitors to 100 Maryland Avenue will enter at one of two designated, ADA-accessible public entrances. One is in front of the building near the second-floor cafeteria. The other is adjacent to the first-floor auditorium near the parking garage adjacent to the building. No other entrances will be open to the public. Signs will be posted that identify the two public entrances.

All visitors will pass through a metal detector. Hand-held items, including but not limited to bags, briefcases, cell phones, containers, laptop computers and purses, will pass through an X-ray machine. Individuals who are unable to go through a metal detector will be screened by security personnel using a hand-held electronic wand. Individuals who have health-related issues that prevent them from passing through a metal detector or coming in close contact with an X-ray machine can request special accommodations from security personnel.

At the screening stations, security personnel will ask visitors to place all metal objects, such as coins, cell phones and keys, into a small basket. Visitors will not be asked to remove belts, coats, jackets, shoes or watches.

Items that are prohibited in the Council Office Building include, but are not limited to, explosives, guns, knives, pocket knives, box cutters, pepper spray, Mace, tasers, batons, and scissors.

Screening stations will be in operation from 7:00am to 10:00pm, Monday through Friday and from 9:00am to 7:00pm on weekends and holidays. Public access to the Council Office Building will not be available outside of these hours.

For public hearings and meetings attended by many visitors, those coming to the building may experience a line to enter and are asked to plan accordingly. For Council public hearings, visitors may want to base their arrival time on the order of the speakers' list, which is available online the day of the hearing by 11:00am for afternoon hearings and by 3:00pm for evening hearings. The speakers' list can be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/PHSignUp.html> .

For questions or concerns regarding visits to the Council Office Building, email [County.Council@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:County.Council@montgomerycountymd.gov) or call 240-777-7910.

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## Montgomery County Joins Cities for Citizenship

Montgomery County has joined [Cities for Citizenship](#), a national initiative to promote and encourage eligible permanent residents to become U.S. Citizens. For more information visit [Cities for Citizenship](#) and the Naturalize Now! Summer campaign.

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**For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit:** <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press\\_List.aspx?id=01](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01)

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>